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## Announcements

### *International Society of Nephrology*

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1983 is included in the annual 1983 dues of US \$75.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. Robert W. Schrier, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of Colorado Medical Center, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80262, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current Fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Schrier along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$75.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology: Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

### *Meetings*

*The Thirteenth Annual Scientific Meeting of the National Kidney Foundation* will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C., December 3–4, 1983. The meeting will immediately precede the American Society of Nephrology Meeting. Joint free communication and poster sessions with the ASN will occur during the ASN meeting. The NKF meeting will feature state-of-the-art lectures, panel discussions, and free communication sessions. Topics include immunologic mechanisms in primary glomerular disease, diagnosis and management of primary glomerular disease, transplant immunology, acute renal failure, endocrinologic abnormalities in uremia, an update on acid-base disorders, and medical problems in renal transplant patients. For more information contact Mr. Dolph Chianchiano, National Kidney Foundation, Inc., 2 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016, USA.

*The 16th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology* will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C., from December 4–7, 1983. The program will include free communications and poster sessions, state-of-the-art addresses, and symposia on important topics relevant to nephrology. For further information write to the National Office of the American Society of Nephrology, c/o Charles B. Slack, Inc., 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086, USA.

*Aluminum, A Clinical Problem in Nephrology* is a 1-day symposium to be held at the University of Antwerpen, Antwerpen, Belgium, December 17, 1983. Lectures, panel discussions, and selected papers will focus on clinical questions concerning aluminum and renal failure. For preregistration materials, write Prof. Dr. Marc E. De Broe, Department of Nephrology-Hypertension, University of Antwerpen, Universiteitsplein 1, B-2610 Wilrijk, Antwerpen, Belgium.

*A Consensus Development Conference on Analgesic-associated Kidney Disease* will be held at the Masur Auditorium, The Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville

Pike, Bethesda, Maryland, February 26–29, 1984. Sponsored by the National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the National Institutes of Health Office of Medical Applications of Research, this open forum will focus on questions such as: Can analgesics, alone or in combination, cause kidney disease and chronic kidney failure? What are the characteristics of kidney disease caused by excessive use of analgesics in the United States and in other countries? To register for the conference, write or phone (301-468-6555) Mrs. Michele Dillon, Prospect Associates, Suite 401, 2115 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, USA.

*The 1984 Annual Scientific Meeting of The Australasian Society of Nephrology* will be held at the Chevron Paradise Hotel, Surfers Paradise, Australia, February 29–March 2, 1984. For more information, write Dr. A. J. Woodroffe, Honorary Executive Officer, Renal Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide S.A. 5000, Australia.

*The Fifth International Symposium on Urolithiasis and Related Clinical Research* will be held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, West Germany, April 1–5, 1984. The program will include state-of-the-art lectures, round table discussions on topics currently under investigation, slide presentations of selected papers, poster sessions, and informal evening discussions. For further information contact Dr. P. O. Schuille, Experimental Surgery and Urology, University Hospital, Maximiliansplatz, D-8520 Erlangen, West Germany.

*The Boston Connection—A Nephrology Update* will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, April 27 and 28, 1984. Diabetes mellitus and endstage renal disease (ESRD) approached from numerous interdisciplinary perspectives will represent the major focus of the symposium, while organ transplantation, government regulation, and psychosocial issues of ESRD will also be discussed by physicians, nurses, dietitians, social workers, and clergy. Registration before March 17, 1984, is encouraged; after that date, a late registration charge will be added. For additional information, write Suzanne Holloran, R.N., M.S., Staff Education, New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA, or call (617) 732-8819.

*The Ninth International Congress of Nephrology* will be held June 11–16, 1984, in Los Angeles, California, USA. For further information write the International Congress of Nephrology, c/o UCLA School of Medicine, 1000 Veteran Avenue, Room 31–76, Los Angeles, California 90024, USA.

*The Second World Congress on Percutaneous Renal Surgery* will be held June 14–15, 1984, at the Mainz Hilton Hotel in Mainz, West Germany. Main topics discussed will be percutaneous renal surgery, transureteral surgery, and extracorporeal shock wave treatment of urolithiasis. Abstracts should be sent by February 1984. For more information, write Prof. Dr. P. Alken, Urologische Klinik, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, 6500 Mainz, West Germany.

*The Third International Symposium on Peritoneal Dialysis* will be held on June 17–20, 1984, at the Capital Hilton Hotel in